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At a stand in a Grove, near the house, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. Goss, from Daniel, 7th Chapter, 15 to 27 verses.

After a short intermission the delegates met in the house, and were called to order by the Moderator, Elder N. Robertson. A hymn of praise was sung, and prayer by Elder A. Goss.

Brothers W. L. Boman and John Pitman were appointed Reading Clerks, by whom the letters from the Churches were read, and delegates' names recorded, and statistics tabled.

The Treasurer not being present, J. A. Bass was appointed Treasurer.

Brothers J. M. Ritchey, C. N. Floyd and G. W. Hartzog were appointed to assist the Treasurer in receiving the contributions from the Churches.

The Association proceeded to the election of officers by acclamation,—Elder N. Robertson, Moderator, A. Goss, Clerk, and J. A. Bass, Treasurer.

An invitation was given to Ministers present, not Messengers, to seats with us, and to take part in our deliberations.

Call for Petitionary Letters—none.

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Appointment of Committees.

On Preaching.—Brothers W. H. Ford, W. L. Boman, Wm. Clark, John Pitman, and J. F. Armstrong.

On Treasurer's Report.—Elder J. M. Ritchey, G. W. Hartzog and C. N. Floyd.

On Queries.—Elders J. L. Chandler, J. E. Pouns and J. M. Ritchey.

Correspondence Received.

Fair River Association—By letter.

Bogue Chitto Association—Her Messenger, W. J. Fortinberry, with package of minutes.

West Pearl River Association.—Her Messengers, Elder W. H. Adams and T. E. Pigatt.

Hobolochitto Association.—Her letter and minutes.

Correspondence Arranged.

HOBLOCHITTO ASSOCIATION.—John Pitman to write (excused.)

BOGUE CHITTO ASSOCIATION.—W. L. Boman, to write.

EBENEZER ASSOCIATION.—J. E. Pouns, to write.

EASTERN LOUISIANA.—B. B. Cowart, to write (excused.)

FAIR RIVER ASSOCIATION.—S. W. C. Maxwell, to write.

STRONG RIVER ASSOCIATION.—J. A. Bass, to write.

Corresponding Messengers.

BOGUE CHITTO ASSOCIATION.—Elders J. M. Chandler and J. M. Ritchey.

EBENEZER ASSOCIATION.—Elder A. Goss and J. W. Cox.

FAIR RIVER ASSOCIATION.—Elder J. M. Ritchey and W. L. Boman.

STRONG RIVER ASSOCIATION.—G. W. Hartzog and J. A. Lewis.

WEST PEARL RIVER ASSOCIATION.—G. W. Hartzog, to write, and Elder J. E. Pouns and A. Morris, Messengers.

Report of Preaching Committee approved.

For Sabbath, P. M. Pigatt to open service by singing and prayer; Elder N. Robertson to preach at 11 o'clock A. M., and W. H. Adams at 1 o'clock P. M., and J. L. Chandler to close the services.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock A. M. Monday; prayer by J. L. Chandler.

Monday's Proceedings

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing, prayer by Elder J. M. Ritchey. The Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

Corresponding letters were read and approved.

On motion we agree to drop our correspondence with Hobolchitto; and Eastern Louisiana Associations, as they are at a greater distance from us than we can get Ministers to go, and our Ministers are but few in number.

On motion the Association took up the Query from Antioch Church, Lawrence County.

QUERY.

1st.—Is it consistent and scriptural for Baptist members to extend the right hand of fellowship to Pe-do-Baptists when they are receiving members by letter from their sister Churches, when they are congregated in their so-called Church?

2d.—And when members are guilty of so doing, and being admonished by their Church that it is not consistent with Baptist usage, and they contend that they are right, and affirm that they recognize the Methodist as a legitimate branch of the Church of Christ, what would be the proper course to pursue with such members?

The following answer to the above Query by the committee was adopted by the Association:

We believe that any member of any of our Churches who will extend the right hand of fellowship to any person or persons, other than those who have been regularly received into the fellowship of some regular Baptist Church, should be dealt

with in the spirit of charity. And if he will not renounce his errors he should be excluded from the fellowship of the Church. We believe that there is but one true Church of Churches on earth.

J. M. RITCHEY, Chairman of Committee.

Report of Preaching Committee for to-day.

Elder J. M. Ritchey to preach at 10½ A. M. and Elder J. E. Pouns to preach and close in the evening.

Report on nominations adopted.

Elder J. L. Chandler to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next annual meeting; R. R. Turnage, alternate.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

F. M. POLK, Treasurer—

In Account with Pearl River Association:

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Balance on hand for Associational purposes.....	\$ 65 45
Received from Society Hill Churches for domestic missions, 1872 and 1873.....	10 50
Received from Cedar Grove and New Hope Churches.....	1 65
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Received from former Treasurer the above, and vouchers for 1874.

J. A. BASS, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. A. BASS—

In Account with Pearl River Association:

To amount from the Churches.....	\$ 78 70
	\$ 144 15

We, your Auditing Committee, have examined the Treasurer's report and found it correct and fully sustained by vouchers.

G. W. HARTZOG,
C. N. FLOYD,
JOHN M. RITCHEY,

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Resolved, That this Association be represented in the State Convention next meeting, and the following named brothers to go: Elders J. M. Ritchey, J. L. Chandler, A. Goss, R. R. Turnage, and brothers J. A. Bass and W. L. Boman.

By a majority vote we are to hold our next session with Crooked Creek Church, Lawrence County.

A letter of dismission was granted to Antioch Church.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to send the funds in his hands for domestic missions to John Williams now in the work.

On motion, the Clerk is to attend to the printing of the minutes and their distribution, and that he draw on the Treasurer for money to defray the expenses of the same.

The business of the Association being finished, the minutes were read and approved, and the Association adjourned to meet with Crooked Creek Church, Lawrence County (on the east side of Pearl River, . . . miles Northwest from Monticello,) on Saturday before the 2d Lord's day in September, 1876.

Prayer by R. R. Turnage.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Norvil Robertson	Silver Creek Post Office.
J. E. Pouns	Columbia ..
J. L. Chandler	China Grove ..
J. M. Ritchey	Bogue Chitto ..
R. R. Turnage	China Grove ..
J. J. Goss	Oak Vale ..
A. Goss	Oak Vale ..
J. A. Sandefer	China Grove ..

LICENTIATES.

John Pitman	Columbia ..
J. W. Cox	Columbia ..
G. W. Farmer	Bogue Chitto ..
Joshua Stanford	Spring Cottage ..

TABLE OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptised.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	TOTAL.	Copies of minutes.	Contributions.
Antioch.	Lawrence.	Brookhaven.	L. J. Bullock, B. B. Corveit.	15	13	5	5	1	1	82	25	\$ 2.00
Antioch.	Marion.	Columbia.	J. J. Turnage, J. T. Smutser.	13	10	3	18	7	1	50	25	3.00
Bethany.	Lawrence.	Silver Creek.	N. Robertson, G. W. Hartzog, J. A. Bass.	21	9	1	2	1	1	177	50	10.00
Bethel.	Covington.	Monticello.	Z. P. Jones, S. W. C. Maxwell.	3	1	1	2	1	1	52	15	3.00
Crooked Creek.	Lawrence.	Williamsburg.	W. B. Broom, J. F. Broom.	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	10	1.50
Cedar Grove.	Marion.	Silver Creek.	G. N. Floyd.	7	8	2	3	1	1	58	15	3.00
Ebenezer.	Marion.	Columbia.	J. Timan, Jonathan W. Cox.	1	1	1	1	1	1	70	20	4.00
Graves Creek.	Covington.	Williamsburg.	A. Goss, Wm. Clark.	1	1	1	1	1	1	78	35	5.00
Hepzibah.	Lawrence.	Oak Vale.	J. D. Norris.	9	2	2	4	1	1	57	25	3.00
Holley Springs.	Lawrence.	Silver Creek.	No Representation, only by letter.	1	1	1	1	1	1	114	20	3.00
Holley Springs.	Marion.	Columbia.	C. Pitman, J. W. Thornhill.	3	1	1	4	1	1	14	15	2.00
Little Bahala.	Lincoln.	Beaufort.	J. F. Armstrong.	34	10	3	2	2	2	154	45	7.00
Magee Creek.	Pike.	China Grove.	J. L. Chandler, D. J. Magee.	30	5	3	4	1	1	100	40	4.20
New Hope.	Marion.	China Grove.	R. K. Turnage, Hosa Davis.	8	3	11	4	1	1	68	30	5.00
Providence.	Pike.	China Grove.	Thomas Alexander, F. M. Redman.	10	8	8	5	1	1	75	30	4.00
Pleasant Hill.	Lincoln.	Bogone Chitto.	J. M. Ritchey, W. L. Roman.	8	5	2	3	1	1	33	15	5.00
Silver Creek.	Lawrence.	Monticello.	James A. Lewis.	2	2	2	3	1	1	116	40	5.00
Society Hill.	Marion.	Oak Vale.	John G. Fortinberry.	1	1	1	3	1	1	85	25	3.00
State Line.	Marion.	Columbia.	W. H. Ard, J. E. Pounds.	1	1	1	3	1	1	38	20	3.00
White Sand.	Lawrence.	Mt. Carmel.	Gilbert Cox.	157	92	25	91	27	17	1516	500	\$78.70
Total.				157	92	25	91	27	17	1516	500	



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Fifty-Seventh Annual Meeting

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MINUTES

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Pearl River Baptist Association.

SEPTEMBER 9th, 1876.

The Pearl River Baptist Association convened this day with the Church at Crooked Creek, Lawrence county, Miss.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by J. L. Chandler, from Psalm cxxxvi., 3; "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

After an intermission, the delegates convened in the house, sang a hymn, and prayer was offered by Elder J. E. Pouns.

The Association was called to order by Elder N. Robertson, the former Moderator.

The letters from the Churches were read by Brothers M. T. Martin and W. L. Bowman. The names of the delegates were enrolled, and state of the Churches entered on the minutes.

Brothers Nathan Barnes and W. J. Armstrong were appointed to assist the Treasurer in receiving the contributions from the Churches.

The Association then proceeded to ballot for officers, Elder A. Scarbrough and Brother M. T. Martin acting as tellers. Elder Nowell Robertson was chosen Moderator; W. J. Armstrong, Clerk, and J. A. Bass, Treasurer.

Visiting ministers present were invited to seats in the Association.

Brother M. T. Martin was received as a messenger from the Mississippi Baptist State Convention. And also agent of Mississippi College.

Committees were appointed as follows:

On Religious Exercises—J. E. Pouns, S. C. Buckley, W. M. Robertson, Nathan Barnes, Hosea Davis, and W. L. Bowman.

On Finance—J. J. Thornhill and J. J. Goss.

On Queries—A. Goss, J. E. Pouns, J. L. Chandler, Hosea Davis, J. M. Richey, and on motion, the Moderator was added to the committee.

Received correspondence from sister Associations, as follows:

From Fair River—a letter and package of minutes by her messengers, A. Page and J. H. Davis.

From the Bogue Chitto—a letter and package of minutes, by Elder B. A. Crawford and Brother S. E. Walker, her messengers.

From the Ebenezer—a letter and package of minutes, by her messenger, Brother J. L. Warren.

From West Peal River—a letter and package of minutes.

From Strong River—a letter and package of minutes, by her messengers, T. J. Murray and J. Norman.

Elders J. M. Richey and J. L. Chandler, were appointed our messengers to the Fair River Association. J. J. Goss to write.

S. C. Buckley and W. N. Robertson were appointed our messengers to the Strong River Association. A. Goss to write.

J. H. Cox and J. J. Goss were appointed messengers to the Ebenezer Association. W. L. Bowman to write.

J. L. Chandler and J. E. Pouns were appointed messengers to the Bogue Chitto Association. J. A. Bass to write.

W. M. Robertson was appointed to write to the West Pearl River Association. We regret that we could not obtain messengers.

The committee on religious services reported that they had appointed Bro. J. L. Chandler to open the services by singing and prayer, and Brother N. Robertson to preach in the forenoon; Brother Benj. A. Crawford to preach and close the services in the afternoon.

The Association then adjourned to meet on Mondoy next, at nine o'clock, a. m. Prayer by Brother Martin.

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MONDAY, 9 o'clock, a. m.

Met according to adjournment. Elder Alanson Goss led in prayer.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

The committee on religious exercises report that they appointed Brother B. A. Crawford to preach to-day in the forenoon; and Brother A. Scarbrough to preach in the afternoon. Also that they had appointed J. E. Pouns to preach the Introductory at our next session, and Brother A. Goss, alternate. The report was accepted.

Agreed to hold our next Association with the Church at Bethel, Lawrence county, three and a half miles south of Monticello, on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1877.

The committee on queries were granted leave to retire and complete their report.

The committee on finance reported that they had carefully examined the Treasurer's accounts, and found them correct and fully sustained. Whereupon the Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Corresponding letters were read and approved.

Elders A. Goss, J. J. Goss and Brother J. A. Bass were appointed corresponding messengers to the Baptist State Convention.

The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of minutes. Ordered, that he be allowed twenty dollars for his services; and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the moneys necessary to defray the expenses.

Resolved, That the Constitution and Articles of Faith of this Association be published with these minutes.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON QUERIES.

We, your committee to whom was referred the inquiries from the church at Bethany, have had the matters submitted to us, under consideration, and have given them all the attention and reflection that the time and circumstances would permit, and we respectfully recommend to the Association the adoption of the following reply:

INQUIRY FIRST.

As to the most advisable mode of dismissing members; and whether there should not be a change made in the usual form of writing letters of dismission.

In relation to the first inquiry, your committee are of the opinion that, when a church dismisses a member, such member is no longer within the jurisdiction of that church; that he is no longer accountable to that church; and that church is in no respect responsible for his conduct.

The present custom of inserting in letters of dismission the condition: "When joined to another church of the same faith and order," we think is unnecessary, and productive of no good effects; we, therefore, advise that the practice be discontinued. We believe that all that is essentially necessary in dismissing a member, is to certify, authentically, that the applicant is, at the time, a member of that church, and in fellowship. We, therefore, without intending to exceed the limits of the service assigned to us, would recommend to our churches the following certificate (in form or substance):

We, the Baptist Church of Christ, at ———, do hereby certify that our Brother, A B, is, at this date, a member in fellowship with this church, and at his request, is dismissed from us.

We would remark, however, that if the member dismissed is a minister or deacon, the fact may be inserted in the letters:

INQUIRY SECOND

What course should a church pursue with regard to persons in her vicinity, holding letters of dismission, and refusing or neglecting to seek membership?

This inquiry involves grave considerations, and we approach it with some diffidence. In the first place, we will lay down what we conceive to be the duty of a member who takes a dismission, and removes into the neighborhood of a distant church. We believe that in such a case, a brother should offer himself for membership in some convenient church. But, as he might possibly have some good reason for doing otherwise, he should, at least, report himself to some church, as being a member of the Baptist Church, and holding a letter; but, for particular reasons, declines taking membership at the time. These reasons he might state, or withhold, according as prudence or propriety should require. But he should give the brethren assurance that he loves the Lord's people, and takes pleasure in attending the public service, at the house of God. He should also request the brethren to watch over his conduct, and if he should act unworthily, to admonish him faithfully; and this they should not fail to do. If a brother has so little regard for the honor of his Savior, and so little love for the children of God, that he is not willing to this much, he gives good ground for suspicion, that he lacks an essential element of Christian character.

But, if a brother comes into the vicinity of a church, and does not, within a reasonable time, seek membership in a church, it is certainly our duty to show our love to him, by kindly inquiring his reasons for

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treating the church of God with so much indifference. If he explains satisfactorily, and is liable to no other objection, he should, by all means, be treated as a brother, and the church may extend to him the courtesies she would to other visiting members.

If, however, such incomer should neglect the ordinances of God's house, and conduct himself in a manner unworthy of the Christian name, and will not be reclaimed by the advice of the brethren, he should be treated as an alien from the commonwealth of Israel; and not entitled to any privilege or courtesy beyond what is due to a man who makes no profession of religion. Neither should he be greeted as a brother. But in all cases, a brother should be treated with brotherly kindness, till he forfeits his title to it by improper conduct.

If one holding a certificate of dismission, should be guilty of misconduct, he should be held responsible, and should be required to make acknowledgements to the church to which he applies for membership. And if he should join a church, and that church should learn that he was guilty of misconduct, before joining the church, while holding such certificate, he should be excluded on a charge of deception.

The report was adopted.

Agreed to resume our former system of missionary efforts, and for that purpose the following named brethren were appointed a Missionary Board: N. Robertson, J. A. Bass, J. E. Pouns, W. M. Robertson, J. J. Mikell, S. C. Buckley and W. J. Armstrong.

Resolved, That we endorse Mississippi College, as an institution of learning, worthy of our patronage and support, and recommend to our brethren to aid, to the extent of their ability, in placing the institution on a financial basis that will ensure its perpetuity and usefulness.

Resolved, That we endorse the work of ministerial education as conducted in connection with our College, and recommend that those who give evidence of a call to the ministry, and whose circumstances are favorable, be encouraged to avail themselves of the benefits offered to such by the institution.

The business of the Association being finished, the minutes were read and approved. The Association adjourned to meet with the church at Bethel, Lawrence county, on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, A. D. 1877.

Brother B. A. Crawford led in the closing prayer.

NORVELL ROBERTSON, Mod'r.

W. J. ARMSTRONG, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude; in the imputation of his sin to all his posterity; in the total depravity of human nature; and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling; and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus; who, by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law, that they might be holy and without blame before him in love.

6. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification; and are evidences of a gracious state; and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God, from a principle of love.

7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked, will be everlasting.

ON GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant, to keep up a godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only head and lawgiver of His Church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until his second coming.

4. We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

5. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's supper.

6. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith; to submit to the ordinances of the gospel; and themselves as members to the visible church.

7. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion, every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges, that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs, and therefore, this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrines, or tolerate immoral practices.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters, when solicited; and in general, to advance the Redeemer's kingdom in any way they deem it practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church, or individual member to support them, or not support them according to their own views of duty, and the dictates of their own conscience; and this right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion whereby this right is called in question, shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence, when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith and order.

5. Ministers of the gospel, in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they may think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed, when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and elect, annually, a Treasurer, to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own By-Laws, and regulate their own proceedings in such manner as they may think expedient.

RULES.

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled "The Pearl River Baptist Association."

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member, under church censure, shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceeding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present. Said Moderator and Clerk shall fill their respective places, if present at the succeeding Association, till a new election takes place; and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily appertaining to those offices.
5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and if arthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.
6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates, and no more, until her number shall reach one hundred, and one delegate for every additional fifty members thereafter, until she may have four delegates, and no more.
7. The Association shall neither answer nor debate any query on gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the articles of faith of this Association.
8. Every motion made in order, and seconded, shall be reduced to writing, if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association, unless withdrawn by the mover before discussion.
9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes, unless so ordered at the time.
10. If any proposition, or motion, under debate, contains two or more points, it shall be divided, at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.
11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; he shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate; cast no reflections on the Association, or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.
12. No person shall speak more than three times upon the same subject without leave of the Association.
13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question in debate, the chair being previously filled. He shall rise from his seat to put the question to the body.
14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.
15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any proposition or motion, and the Moderator shall vote as other members, when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the motion is lost.
16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.
17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.
18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.
19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over, whenever it is thought necessary.
20. Minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to embrace the previous reading and adoption of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

23. Immediately after the organization of the Association, the rules of Order shall be distinctly read, by order of the Moderator.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment, at any regular meeting of the Association, by a majority of the Association.

TABLE OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Contributors...	No. of Minutes	Total.....	Deceased	Excluded.....	Dismissed	Restored	Rec'd by letter	Baptized
Antioch	Marion	Columbia	H. Fortenberry, J. J. Turnage	42	2 50	42	4	2	2	1	1	1
Bethany	Lawrence	Silver Creek	N. Robertson, J. A. Bass, W. M. Robertson	100	50 8 00	100	4	2	2	1	1	1
Bethel	Corvington	Monticello	J. J. Thornhill, S. Russel	58	30 3 50	58	3	1	1	1	1	1
Crooked Creek	Lawrence	Wilksburg	H. Broom, W. R. Broom	17	10 2 00	17	2	2	2	2	2	2
Cedar Grove	Marion	Silver Creek	W. N. Robeson, S. C. Buckley	57	30 3 01	57	2	2	2	2	2	2
Ebenezer	Covington	Columbia	J. W. Cox, I. M. Fortenberry	66	15 3 20	66	5	5	5	5	5	5
Graves' Creek	Lawrence	Wilksburg	A. Goss, N. Barnes	75	30 4 00	75	3	3	3	3	3	3
Hephzibah	Marion	Columbia	E. Waite, N. Lott	59	30 3 25	59	6	6	6	6	6	6
Holly Springs	Lincoln	Oak Vale	W. W. Daniels, A. Jones	112	132 50	112	7	7	7	7	7	7
Little Bahala	Pike	Chira Grove	J. I. Hill, C. Pittman	30	1 1 50	30	1	1	1	1	1	1
Magee's Creek	Pike	Beauregard	J. F. Armstrong, S. Ross	156	40 7 00	156	3	3	3	3	3	3
New Hope	Pike	China Grove	J. L. Chandler, E. L. Reeves	92	30 3 00	92	8	8	8	8	8	8
Providence	Lincoln	China Grove	Hosie Davis	77	25 4 00	77	2	2	2	2	2	2
Pleasant Hill	Lawrence	Bogue Chitto	J. Bond, F. M. Redman	48	30 3 05	48	6	6	6	6	6	6
Silver Creek	Pike	Monticello	J. M. Richey, W. L. Howman	77	30 3 00	77	3	3	3	3	3	3
Society Hill	Lawrence	Oak Vale	R. F. Sancer, A. J. Armstrong	41	15 3 00	41	1	1	1	1	1	1
State Line	Pike	Connelly's	J. J. Goss, W. J. Fortenberry	129	40 5 00	129	2	2	2	2	2	2
Whitesand	Lawrence	Mount Carmel	J. Pigot	147	25 3 00	147	3	3	3	3	3	3
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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Elect Officers.
2. Invite visiting ministers to seats.
3. Give opportunity for reception of other churches.
4. Appoint a committee on preaching.
5. Receive correspondence from other bodies.
6. Arrange correspondence.
7. Appoint committees.
8. Make appointments.
9. Attend to petitions.
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12. Call for reports.
13. Make appointments.



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MINUTES.

Minutes of the PEARL RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION. }
September 8, 1877.

The Pearl River Baptist Association convened this day with the church at Bethel, Lawrence County, Miss.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by J. E. Pounds, from Habakuk 3: 2, "Oh, Lord, revive thy work."

After an intermission, the delegates convened in the house; and the former Moderator not being present, the Association was called to order by the Clerk; and J. L. Chandler was chosen Moderator pro tem., until there could be an election held.

Sung a hymn, and prayer was offered by R. R. Turnage.

The letters from the churches were read by Brothers W. L. Boman and E. L. Reeves.

The names of the delegates were enrolled, and state of the churches entered on the minutes.

Brothers H. H. Cole and I. M. Fortenberry were appointed to assist the Treasurer in receiving the contributions from the churches.

The Association then proceeded to ballot for officers; Brothers W. L. Boman and Alfred Sharp acting as tellers. Elder J. E. Pounds was chosen Moderator; W. J. Armstrong, Clerk, and J. A. Bass, Treasurer.

Visiting ministers present were invited to seats in the Association.

Committees were appointed as follows:

On Religious Exercises—J. A. Bass, W. C. Maxwell, T. K. Maxwell, Hosea Davis, and W. L. Boman.

On Finance—I. M. Fortenberry and H. H. Cole.

Received correspondence from sister Associations as follows:

From Fair River—A letter and package of minutes by her messengers, W. H. Bailey, G. H. Barrett and J. H. Davis.

From the Bogue Chitto—A letter by her messengers, B. A. Crawford, W. J. Fortenberry, and E. M. Shilling.

From the West Pearl River—A letter and package of minutes by her messengers, W. H. Adams and T. E. Pigot.

From the Strong River—A. H. Dale, A. T. Longino; and H. D. Butler; no letter or minutes.

From the Ebenezer—A letter and package of minutes, by her messenger, J. A. Boutwell.

Brother M. T. Martin was received as messenger from the Baptist State Convention.

Correspondence arranged as follows:

Brothers J. L. Chandler and W. J. Armstrong were appointed our messengers to the Fair River Association; J. J. Mikell, to write.

C. R. Dale and Alfred Sharp were appointed our messengers to the Strong River Association; W. L. Boman to write.

G. W. Hartzog and J. A. Bass were appointed our messengers to the Ebenezer Association; I. M. Fortenberry to write.

J. L. Chandler, J. E. Pounds, and R. R. Turnage, were appointed our messengers to the Bogue Chitto Association; E. L. Reeves to write.

J. E. Pounds and J. W. Cox were appointed our messengers to the West Pearl River Association; J. M. Girault to write.

The Committee on Religious Services reported that they had appointed W. J. Fortenberry to preach at half past ten o'clock, and M. T. Martin to follow; and then an intermission of half an hour; and B. A. Crawford to preach in the afternoon, and close the services.

Agreed to continue our correspondence with the Baptist State Convention. When the following named brethren were appointed as delegates: J. A. Bass, C. R. Dale, J. J. Mikell, G. W. Mikell, J. M. Girault, T. J. Farmer, J. L. Chandler, J. E. Pounds, and F. M. Redman.

Leave of absence were granted to the following named brethren: A. E. Jones, W. P. Welch, J. T. Hammonds.

The Association then adjourned to meet on Monday next at nine o'clock A. M. Prayer by J. L. Chandler.

SUNDAY'S EXERCISES.

The following named brethren preached in the order of their names, to a large and attentive congregation: W. J. Fortenberry, from 89th Psalm, 15th verse: "I have laid help upon one that is mighty." M. T. Martin, from St. John, 8th chapter and 36th verse: "If the Son therefore make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

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Then an intermission of half an hour; when B. A. Crawford preached from Jonah, 2nd chapter and 9th verse: "Salvation is of the Lord." When W. H. Bailey closed the services by exhortation.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock A. M.

Met according to adjournment. Elder R. R. Turnage led in prayer.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

J. A. Scarborough was received as messenger from the Strong River Association.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report that they appointed I. H. Anding to preach at the stand, and J. A. Scarborough to follow, and R. R. Turnage to close; and they appointed R. R. Turnage to preach the Introductory at our next session, and J. L. Chandler alternate. The report was accepted.

Agreed to hold our next Association with the church at Ebenezer, in Covington County, 14 miles northeast of Columbia, on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, A. D. 1878.

Corresponding letters were read and approved.

The Committee on Finance reported that they had carefully examined the Treasurer's accounts, and found them correct and fully sustained by vouchers. Whereupon the Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report being left out of the publication of the minutes of our last session, it is hereby ordered that it be published in these minutes.

The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of minutes. Ordered that he be allowed twenty dollars for his services; and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the moneys necessary to defray the expenses.

On motion, the Clerk be authorized to publish in our minutes the Order of Business of this Association.

On motion, it is ordered that the Missionary Board appointed by this Association be empowered to use the Missionary funds now in the hands of the Treasurer as they think best to the upbuilding of the cause of Christ. When the following named brethren were appointed to constitute said Board: J. A. Bass, G. W. Hartzog, C. R. Dale, W. J. Aamstrong, J. J. Mikell, W. M. Robertson, and J. E. Pounds.

Resolved, That we recommend the "Mississippi Baptist Record" to the brethren of this Association, as a sound Baptist paper, and well calculated to contribute toward building up the cause of Christ in our State; and further, recommend that they take, and read the paper.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and are hereby tendered to the brethren and sisters, and friends in the vicinity of Bethel Church for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association.

The business of the Association being finished, the minutes were read and approved.

The Association adjourned to meet with the church at Ebenezer, in Covington County, on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, A. D. 1878.

Brother I. H. Anding led in the closing prayer.

J. E. POUNDS, Moderator.

W. J. ARMSTRONG, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. A. Bass, Treasurer, in account with the Pearl River Association.

1875. Associational fund at last Association.....	\$144 15
By cash paid A. Goss, Clerk.....	\$ 65 00
" " " J. L. Chandler, messenger.....	10 00
" " " J. M. Richey, ".....	3 00
" " " J. E. Pounds, ".....	4 00
" " " A. Goss, ".....	5 00—\$ 87 00
Balance on hand.....	\$ 57 15
Amount received from churches, 1876.	70 40
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. A. Bass in account with the Pearl River Association.

Associational Funds for 1876.....	\$127 55
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By amount paid J. L. Chandler, messenger.....	\$ 10 00
" " " J. E. Pounds, ".....	6 00
" " " J. M. Richey, ".....	8 00
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" " " W. J. Armstrong, Clerk.....	60 00—\$ 93 00

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Amount received from churches 1877..... \$ 71 80

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Home Mission Fund rec'd from Bethany Church	\$ 13 00
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Balance Home Mission Fund on hand.....	\$ 25 15
Balance Associational Fund on hand.....	\$106 45

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TABLE OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	POSTOFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Copies of Minutes	Contributions.
Antioch.....	Marion.....	Columbia.....	W. W. Polk, T. Hammons.....	62	6	2	5	1	1	43	15	2 25
Bethany.....	Lawrence.....	Monticello.....	G. W. Hartog, J. J. Mikell, J. A. Bass, and G. W. Mikell.....	2	1	1	7	1	1	236	60	10 00
Bethel.....	Lawrence.....	Monticello.....	I. K. Maxwell, W. C. Maxwell.....	6	2	1	1	1	1	62	30	3 00
Crooked Creek.....	Covington.....	Willsburg.....	B. H. Martin, P. C. Brown.....	4	7	5	5	1	1	25	10	1 50
Cedar Grove.....	Lawrence.....	Silver Creek.....	C. R. Dale, Alfred Sharp.....	2	2	1	1	1	1	67	25	3 00
Everet.....	Marion.....	Columbia.....	J. W. Coe, I. M. Fortenberry.....	4	2	1	1	1	1	69	25	4 00
Graves' Creek.....	Lawrence.....	Columbia.....	William Clark, William Bass.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	68	30	4 00
Hepzibah.....	Marion.....	Columbia.....	J. U. Norris, Bartell Brakefield.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	50	30	3 00
Holly Springs.....	Marion.....	Columbia.....	W. J. Welch, A. E. Jones.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	50	15	2 00
Little Rahala.....	Marion.....	China Grove.....	No delegation.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	18	1 50
Magee's Creek.....	Lincoln.....	Beauregard.....	S. Ross, J. M. (Hault), and T. J. Farmer.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	132	40	7 00
New Hope.....	Pike.....	China Grove.....	J. I. Chandler, E. L. Reeves.....	6	3	2	5	5	5	86	30	4 00
Pleasant Hill.....	Lincoln.....	China Grove.....	B. R. Turnage, Hosea Davis.....	6	6	1	4	2	2	87	40	4 55
Silver Creek.....	Lawrence.....	Brookhaven.....	H. J. Cole, W. L. Roman.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	77	30	3 00
Society Hill.....	Marion.....	Monticello.....	J. D. Burkett, W. J. Armstrong.....	9	10	1	2	1	1	63	15	3 00
State Line.....	Marion.....	Oak Vale.....	H. H. Dale, J. G. Fortenberry.....	8	3	3	1	1	1	138	45	5 00
White Sand.....	Lawrence.....	Connetty.....	John Pigot, J. E. Pounds.....	8	2	1	1	1	1	108	28	3 00
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OFFICERS:

J. E. POUNDS, MODERATOR, Oak Vale, Lawrence county, Miss.

W. J. ARMSTRONG, CLERK, Monticello, Lawrence county, Miss.

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Pearl River Baptist Association.

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 1878.

The Pearl River Baptist Association convened this day with the Church at Ebenezer, Covington county, Mississippi.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by R. R. Turnage, from Matthew 21st chapter, 28th verse—'Son, go work to-day in my vineyard.'

After an intermission, the delegates convened in the house, sung a hymn and prayer was offered by Bro. C. R. Dale.

The Association was called to order by Elder J. E. Pounds, the former Moderator.

The letters from the Churches were read by Brothers W. L. Boman and C. R. Dale; the names of the delegates were enrolled and state of the Churches entered on the minutes.

Elders B. A. Crawford and W. J. Fortenberry were appointed to preach at the stand in the afternoon.

Brothers E. L. Reeves, J. H. Pope and W. W. Pope were appointed to assist the Treasurer in receiving the contributions from the Churches.

The Association then proceeded to ballot for officers. Brethren H. Hathorn and W. L. Boman acting as tellers. Elder J. E. Pounds was chosen Moderator; W. J. Armstrong, Clerk, and J. A. Bass, Treasurer.

Visiting Ministers present were invited to seats in the Association.

Petitionary letters were called for, when a letter was presented from Friendship Church, which was read and received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator in behalf of the Association.

Committees were appointed as follows:

ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.—H. Hathorn, J. W. Cox, Z. P. Jones, James A. Bass, W. L. Boman, and Brethren W. Clark and A. S. Harper were added.

ON FINANCE.—E. L. Reeves, J. H. Pope and W. W. Pope.

ON HOME MISSIONS.—J. W. Tolar, J. W. Cox and W. J. Armstrong.

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ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.—I. H. Anding, G. W. Mikell and J. A. Bass.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—R. R. Turnage, William Clark and A. S. Harper.

ON PUBLICATIONS.—W. M. Robertson, B. S. Watts, C. R. Dale. On motion the Chair was added.

ON OBITUARIES.—I. M. Fortenberry, W. J. Armstrong, and on motion, Elder M. T. Martin was added to the committee.

Received correspondence from sister Associations as follows :

FROM EBENEZER.—A letter and package of Minutes by her Messenger, J. L. Warren.

FROM BOGUECHITTO.—A package of Minutes by her Messenger, W. J. Fortenberry and B. A. Crawford. No letter.

FROM STRONG RIVER.—A letter and Minute by her Messenger, H. D. Butler.

FROM WEST PEARL RIVER.—A letter and package of Minutes. No Messengers.

Arranged correspondence as follows :

Elders J. E. Pounds and R. R. Turnage were appointed our Messengers to the Boguechitto Association; E. L. Reeves to write.

Elder I. H. Anding, J. I. Hill and J. A. Bass were appointed our Messengers to the Ebenezer Association; I. H. Anding to write.

Elders J. L. Chandler, R. R. Turnage, G. W. Farmer and Z. P. Jones were appointed as our Messengers to the Fair River Association; W. J. Armstrong to write.

Brothers W. M. Robertson and C. R. Dale were appointed as our Messengers to the Strong River Association; G. W. Mikell to write.

Elder J. E. Pounds and J. T. Pigot were appointed as our Messengers to the West Pearl River Association; I. M. Fortenberry to write.

The Committee on Religious Services reported that they had appointed Elder M. T. Martin to preach at 11 o'clock a. m. on the subject of Missions, and Bro. I. H. Anding to make the appeal and take up collections; then an intermission of half an hour, and Bro. B. A. Crawford to preach in the afternoon, and close.

The Association then adjourned to meet on Monday next, at nine o'clock a. m. Prayer by Bro. J. L. Chandler.

Sunday's Exercises.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Elder M. T. Martin. Text: Matthew 5: 14.—"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid," and Matthew 28: 19.—"Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Elder I. H. Anding made the appeal and took up collections amounting to \$26.40, cash.

Half hour intermission.

Preaching in the afternoon by Elder B. A. Crawford.

Monday, 9 O'Clock a. m.

Met according to adjournment. Brother J. W. Cox led in prayer.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report that they appointed Bro. L. Scofield to preach at the stand at 10 o'clock a. m., and Bro. J. M. Richey to follow; then have half an hour intermission; then Bro. W. S. Fortenberry to preach in the afternoon and close; also that they had appointed Bro. I. H. Anding to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next session, and Bro. J. L. Chandler, alternate.

The report was accepted.

The Committee on Finance were granted leave to retire and assist the Treasurer in examining his report.

Reports of Committees.

The Committee on Finance reported that they had carefully examined the Treasurer's accounts and found them correct, and fully sustained by vouchers; whereupon the Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools would respectfully submit the following as their report:

This subject has been somewhat agitated in our Association, but not to that extent which the subject demands. Our Churches do not appreciate its great value. Since their organization in the Eighteenth century these schools have proven important auxiliaries to Protestant denominations. Most assuredly they have accomplished vast good. We believe that it is the very nursery of the Church, and it affords a most excellent field for imparting religious knowledge and learning. Since there are but few Sunday Schools in our Association, we therefore most earnestly counsel each Church to organize a Sunday School during the year; we ask the Churches to report to this Association at its next regular meeting what they have done, and we especially urge the pastors and deacons to present this subject to their respective Churches.

Respectfully submitted.

R. R. TURNAGE, Chairman.

ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publications would respectfully ask leave to report:

That in our opinion it is principally to the power of the press that the world is entitled for the great and grand strides that are now being made throughout our land, both socially, politically and religiously; and that a corrupt press, like a corrupt education, is a power for evil, and that as the world is being

filled with a corrupt literature, it is not only our province, but our duty as Christians, to use our utmost endeavors in trying to turn this evil power in the contrary direction, and thereby use it in the cause of our Redeemer; and we think the best method for so doing is to encourage, by giving our entire support to a pure literature; and we would therefore recommend to the Association one or more of the denominational papers now published, to wit: The Southern Baptist, and more especially the Baptist Record; and that we recommend the Kinds Words as a Sunday School paper, which is printed in Macon, Ga.

Respectfully submitted.

W. M. ROBERTSON, Chairman.

ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, have had the same under consideration, and would beg leave to report:

1st. That the Gospel makes it the duty of every Christian, not only to aid in sustaining the Gospel at home, but in sending it into the regions beyond. Jesus came from Heaven to earth on a Gospel Mission.

2d. That there is great destitution in the near regions beyond us.

3d. That this Association is too weak to keep a Missionary constantly employed in the field. We would therefore recommend to the Churches composing this Association a hearty co-operation with the State Mission Board. We would urge the Pastors of our Churches to preach and teach from house to house this Christian duty, until we are all permeated with the Spirit of Missions.

Resolved, That we, the delegates to this Association, will bring the subject of Home Missions before our several Churches, and endeavor with the blessing of God to do more in this cause this year than ever before.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. TOLAR, Chairman.

ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries respectfully submit the following report:

First, we mention the death of our venerable brother, Elder Norvell Robertson, on June 1st, A. D. 1878, in the eighty-second year of his age. He was called from his labors in this world to his reward in the world above.

He lived to a ripe old age; he served his Master long and faithfully. This Association has had the benefit of his labors and counsels, and we more than others deeply feel his loss. His presence, his labors and his counsels will be with us no more, save as we will long remember his words, and as we peruse with delight the pages of the Hand Book of Theology, which he left us as a monument; his memory will ever be precious with us, and his name will be handed down to posterity as a Father in Israel whose work and labors of love have been blessed to the building up of the Lord's cause, and the salvation of many souls. We recommend that outside of this report a page of our minutes

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Second, we mention the names of worthy brethren as follows: Bro. N. S. Buckley, of Society Hill Church, for eighteen years a deacon, and for thirty-six years a member of the Church, departed this life, April 10th, 1878, in the sixty-fourth year of his age.

Bro. J. S. Davis, a member of New Hope Church, has gone to his reward.

Bro. Aaron Hickman, a worthy member of Bethel Church, is with us no more.

Brethren John Cole, Robert Lard, Lloyd Polk and A. J. Burkett, and worthy members of Bethany Church, have gone from our midst to their bright reward.

Bro. Nathan Barnes, Clerk of the Church, whose liberality we now enjoy, has gone to his reward and has left a vacant seat in Ebenezer Church.

We tender the bereaved families of those dear brethren our hearty sympathy, and while we look up through our tears, still, we look up and say, "God's will be done."

Respectfully submitted.

I. M. FORTENBERRY, Chairman.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to present the following report:

Remembering that our Master has said, "Go ye into *all* the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and then hearing the Macedonian cry from distant lands, "Come over and help us!" we are impressed with the belief that no department of Christian labor lays a deeper claim to our prayers, sympathies and means, than the cause of Foreign Missions.

There is an awakening in heathen lands to the blessed influence of the Gospel of Christ. The efforts of faithful Missionaries are being crowned with success; the men of God are at their post, and the war is being waged against superstition and idolatry. Light is breaking in, but upon a Christian land is laid the obligation to support this work. These faithful Missionaries need our money and our prayers.

In view of these facts we would offer the following resolutions:

Resolved 1st, That pastors urge it upon the members of their respective Churches to subscribe for and read the Foreign Mission Journal, a paper published at Richmond, Va.

Resolved 2d, That the Churches of this Association be requested to have a sermon preached at least once a year to their congregations on the subject of Foreign Missions.

Resolved 3d, That immediately after the preaching of such a sermon the several congregations be requested to contribute of their means for the support of the Gospel in heathen lands.

Resolved 4th, That such contributions be forwarded to H. A. Tupper, Corresponding Secretary of Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Respectfully submitted.

I. H. ANDING, Chairman.

Home at last

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee on Home Missions, would respectfully beg leave to make the following report :

We met and organized by electing a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and found that there was not sufficient funds in the hands of the Treasurer to sustain a Missionary. Therefore we adopted a plan of raising funds and submitted the same to the respective Churches composing this Association, and have been successful to some extent, which you will see from the report of our Treasurer on Home Missions, and feel to hope that your Board will be able to sustain a Missionary for the next Associational year.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. POUNDS, President.

Corresponding letters were read and adopted.

A letter of admission was granted to Pleasant Hill Church.

Resolutions were adopted as follows :

Resolved, That we recommend to the Mission Board of this Association to adopt the following plan of work for the ensuing Associational year : To apply the funds now on hand to the support of Bro. L. Scofield, in the destitution South and Southeast of us, and that they recommend Bro. L. Scofield to the State Mission Board for appointment. We would respectfully ask our sister Associations, on the border of this destitution, to join us in this plan of work. We further recommend to our Churches to send to our Board what they are willing to contribute in this way.

Resolved, That each Church be requested to make out in the statistics of her annual letter to the association the amount of money paid her pastor.

Resolved, That article sixth of the Rules of this Association be so changed that each Church shall have three delegates until she reach one hundred members, and one delegate for each additional fifty members thereafter.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may be present at the Baptist State Convention may represent this Association.

Resolved, That the former Board on Home Missions be and are hereby re-appointed, and on motion brethren G. W. Farmer and I. H. Anding were added.

Resolved, That the Rules of Order and Articles of Faith be published in these minutes.

The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and distributions of minutes. Ordered, That he be allowed twenty dollars for his services, and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the moneys necessary to defray the expenses.

Agreed to hold our next Association with the Church at Providence, Pike county, Miss., on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1879.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and they are hereby tendered to the members of Ebenezer Church, and friends of this community, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association.

The business of the Association being finished, the minutes were read and approved.

The Association adjourned to meet with the Church at Providence, Pike co., on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, A. D., 1879.

W. J. ARMSTRONG, Clerk.

J. E. POUNDS, Moderator.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1st. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in Power and Glory.

2nd. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude; in the imputation of his sin to all his posterity; in the total depravity of human nature; and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4th. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling; and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, they are kept by the Power of God through faith unto salvation.

5th. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus; who, by the satisfaction He made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by His most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law, that they might be holy and without blame before Him in love.

6th. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification; and are evidences of a gracious state; and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God, from a principle of love.

7th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked, will be everlasting.

RULES.

1st. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the Churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Pearl River Baptist Association.

2nd. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under Church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3rd. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective Churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceeding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4th. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present. Said Moderator and Clerk shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, till a new election takes place; and while in office shall discharge the duties ordinarily appertaining to their offices.

5th. If new Churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and if orthodox and orderly shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6th. Every Church shall be allowed three delegates, and no more, until her number shall reach one hundred, and one delegate for every additional fifty members thereafter.

7th. The Association shall neither answer nor debate any query or Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8th. Every motion made in order, and seconded, shall be reduced to writing, if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association, unless withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9th. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

10th. If any proposition, or motion, under debate, contains two or more points, it shall be divided, at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11th. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; he shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflections on the Association, or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12th. No person shall speak more than three times upon the same subject, without leave of the Association.

13th. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question in debate, the Chair being previously filled. He shall rise from his seat to put the question to the body.

14th. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15th. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any proposition, or motion, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken, and in case of a tie the motion is lost.

16th. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to approval of the Association.

17th. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18th. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19th. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over, whenever it is thought necessary.

20th. Minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

21st. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to embrace the previous reading and adoption of the minutes.

22nd. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

23rd. Immediately after the organization of the Association, the Rules of Order shall be distinctly read, by order of Moderator.

24th. The foregoing Articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment, at any regular meeting of the Association, by a majority of the Association.

Treasurer's Report.

JAS. A. BASS, Treasurer— In Account with Pearl River Baptist Association:

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To balance on hand for 1877	\$106 45
To amount received from Churches 1878	64 30

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By amount paid Elder J. L. Chandler	\$10 00
" " " " J. E. Pounds	6 00
" " " " R. R. Turnage	5 00
" " " " W. J. Armstrong, Clerk	50 00

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Total on hand Associational fund	\$ 99 75
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MISSION FUND.

To amount on hand 1877	\$25 15
" " received from Churches 1878	42 00
" " collection on Sabbath	26 40

Total on hand Mission fund	\$93 55
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—OF—

Eld. Horvell Robertson.

Elder Robertson died at the age of Eighty-one years, six months and seventeen days. A member of the Church for Forty-seven yrs, and the faithful pastor of Bethany Church, Lawrence county, Miss., forty-four yrs. He died in the Faith. Peace to his ashes.

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Antioch	Marion	Columbia	J. H. Pope, W. W. Pope,	1	1	1	2	6	43	15	2 50	8 00	\$17 55
Bethany	Lawrence	Silver Creek	L. H. Anding, J. A. Bass, G. W. Mickell, W. M. Robertson	3	11	1	2	3	229	50	3 00	1 50	5 15
Bethel	Lawrence	Monticello	Z. P. Jones, W. C. Maxwell	.....	2	4	4	4	3	46	30	3 00	1 50	5 15
Crooked Creek	Covin'ton	Wilksburg	B. H. Martin, J. I. Hill	.....	7	2	6	7	4	28	15	3 00	1 50	5 15
Lawrence	Lawrence	West Fork	S. B. Culpepper, S. C. Buckley	.....	6	1	4	4	1	50	20	3 00	1 50	5 15
Cedar Grove	Marion	Columbia	J. W. Cox, I. M. Fortenberry	.....	1	2	2	3	1	58	25	2 50	1 00	4 00
Ebenezer	Covin'ton	Wilksburg	A. S. Harper, W. Clark	.....	1	4	2	3	1	70	30	4 00	3 00	4 00
Graves' Creek	Marion	Columbia	J. D. Norris, Louis Moss	.....	1	3	1	3	1	61	30	3 00	2 00	1 60
Hepzibah	Lawrence	Oak Vale	B. S. Watts, W. W. Daniels	.....	1	2	1	9	3	46	15	2 00	1 60	4 00
Holly Springs	Marion	Columbia	Calvin Pitman, J. Thornhill	.....	6	2	3	10	1	38	15	1 45	1 60	4 00
Little Bahala	Lincoln	Beauregard	G. W. Farmer, F. S. Bass	.....	1	8	2	3	1	143	40	5 00	1 60	4 00
Magee's Creek	Pike	China Grove	J. L. Chandler, E. L. Reeves	.....	3	2	1	7	4	91	25	3 30	1 60	4 00
New Hope	Marion	China Grove	R. R. Turnage, J. E. Davis	.....	5	2	1	4	1	85	30	3 05	1 60	4 00
Providence	Pike	Summit	W. D. Boyd, Cicero Boyd	.....	16	6	1	4	1	78	50	3 00	1 60	4 00
Pleasant Hill	Lincoln	Brookhaven	W. L. Boman, J. M. Richey	.....	2	1	1	1	1	78	50	3 00	1 60	4 00
Silver Creek	Lawrence	Monticello	W. J. Armstrong, J. D. Burkett	.....	1	3	1	1	2	54	20	3 00	1 60	4 00
Society Hill	Lawrence	Oak Vale	J. E. Pounds, H. Hathorn	.....	14	1	5	5	6	148	50	5 00	1 60	4 00
State Line	Pike	Columbia	J. F. Pigel, W. P. Crane	.....	12	1	11	2	1	109	25	3 00	1 60	4 00
White Sand	Lawrence	Mt. Carmel	J. I. Williams, J. Boyington	.....	4	8	1	4	1	55	25	3 50	1 60	4 00
Friendship	Pike	Summit	J. J. Reeves, J. W. Galin	1	1	1	1	1	34	25	2 50	1 60	4 00
Total	84	66	20	96	34	19	1544	560	\$64 30	\$70 40

*Collection on Sunday.

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FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13th, 1879.

THE PEARL RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened this day with the church at Providence, Pike county, Mississippi.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. L. Chandler, from Luke 22nd chapter, 29th verse, "And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me."

After an intermission, the delegates convened in the house, sung a hymn, and prayer was offered by brother J. W. Cox.

The Association was called to order by Elder J. E. Pounds, the former Moderator.

Elder H. M. Long and brother C. R. Dale were appointed Reading Clerks. The letters from the churches were read and the names of the delegates were enrolled, and state of the churches entered on the minutes.

Elder J. A. Scarborough was appointed to preach at the stand in the afternoon.

Brethren G. W. Mikell and T. J. Farmer were appointed a committee on Finance.

The Association then proceeded to ballot for officers, brethren C. R. Dale and A. Sharp, acting as tellers. Elder R. R. Turnage, was chosen Moderator; W. J. Armstrong, Clerk; and J. A. Bass, Treasurer.

Visiting ministers present were invited to seats in the Association.

Received correspondence from sister Associations as follows:

From Fair River.—A letter and minute by her messengers, J. M. Ritchey and J. L. Bullock.

From Strong River.—Elder J. A. Scarborough was received as Messenger; no letter nor minutes.

From West Pearl River.—A letter and package of minutes. No messengers.

From Hobolochitto.—Elder T. D. Bush was received as messenger. No letter nor minutes.

Committees were appointed as follows:

On Preaching.—I. M. Fortenberry, S. E. Bass, S. W. C. Maxwell, and the Deacons of Providence Church, Josiah Wallace and Jackson Boyd.

On Home Missions.—G. W. Farmer, C. R. Dale, J. A. Bass and T. D. Bush.

On Foreign Missions.—Elder H. M. Long, W. M. Robertson and J. W. Cox.

On Sunday-Schools.—Elders H. M. Long, G. W. Mikell, N. C. Hathorn and W. Clark.

On Publications.—J. W. Ross, J. Fortenberry, Wm. Waller and Z. P. Jones.

On Obituaries.—A. Sharp, J. A. Bass and W. J. Armstrong.

On Abstracts.—C. R. Dale, Wm. Waller and T. J. Farmer.

On Ministerial Education.—G. W. Mikell, W. W. Pope, F. M. Redman, J. E. Pounds and J. A. Scarborough.

On Mississippi College.—Elder H. M. Long, A. Sharp, W. M. Robertson, and J. A. Scarborough.

On Order of Business.—Elders H. M. Long, J. E. Pounds,

J. L. Chandler, G. W. Farmer, B. H. Martin, R. R. Turnage, and Brethren G. W. Mikell and W. J. Armstrong.

Correspondence was arranged as follows to our sister Associations:

To the Fair River.—Elders H. M. Long, J. L. Chandler, G. W. Farmer and S. Bullock, as our Messengers; H. M. Long to write.

To the Strong River.—Elder H. M. Long and brethren J. A. Bass, C. R. Dale and W. J. Armstrong, as Messengers; C. R. Dale to write.

To the Bogue Chitto.—Elders J. L. Chandler, H. M. Long, R. R. Turnage, and Brethren J. J. Thornhill, J. E. Wilson, and S. Bullock, as our Messenger; H. Hathorn, to write.

To the Ebenezer.—Elders H. M. Long, B. H. Martin, and Brethren J. A. Bass, J. W. Cox, L. S. Watts, as our Messengers; H. M. Long, to write.

To the West Pearl.—Elder R. R. Turnage, as our Messenger; W. M. Robertson, to write.

To the Hobolochitto.—Elders R. R. Turnage, and Brethren S. C. Dale, and J. W. Cox, as our Messengers; I. M. Fortenberry, to write.

The Committee on Preaching made the following partial report, which was adopted. That Elder T. J. Walne preach at 11 o'clock, A. M. Sunday; thirty minutes intermission; then Elder J. A. Scarborough preach and Elder G. W. Farmer close.

I. M. FORTENBERRY, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Monday Morning.

Prayer by Elder H. M. Long.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

Met at 9 A. M., in prayer meeting conducted by Bro. R. J. Boone, then a short intermission.

At 11 o'clock the services began by singing. Elder T. J.

Walne preached from St. John, 3rd:14th, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the son of man be lifted up."

After an intermission of thirty minutes, the congregation again assembled at the stand and Elder J. A. Scarborough preached from Acts, 16th:30th. "What must I do to be saved?" Elder G. W. Farmer closed by exhortation and prayer.

A collection was taken up from the congregation for Home Missions, amounting to \$20 50.

The congregation was large and mostly attentive. The weather was pleasant. We trust that many of the congregation were Divinely blessed, and the Redeemer's kingdom advanced.

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SECOND DAY.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 1879.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder T. D. Bush.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

Elder T. J. Walne was received as a representative from the Baptist State Convention and State Mission Board.

Elder B. A. Crawford, and Bro. S. C. Walker, were received as Messengers from the Bogue Chitto Association with a letter and package of minutes.

Letter of dismission was granted to State Line Church.

Leave of absence was granted Bro. P. D. Mullens.

On motion the order of business was suspended for the present so far as it refers to miscellaneous business.

Reports of committees were received as follows:

ON PREACHING.

We, your Committee, on Religious Exercises, beg leave to report as follows: That Elder J. M. Ritchey open the services of to-day at the stand by singing and prayer. Then Elder J. E. Pound preach half. Hour Intermission, and then Elder B. A. Crawford preach and close, and that Elder H. M. Long be appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon; and Elder R. R. Turnage, Alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

I. M. FORTENBERRY, Chairman.

Adopted.

ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, would ask leave to report that, in our judgment, the work of Missions is emphatically the work of God's people, and hearing the command "Go ye therefore and teach all nations" ringing in our ears even now as it were, forces us to the conclusion that the obligation *must* be recognized, and the work speedily carried on, and while we realize that our first mission work is at home, and we have seen and felt the need of a more earnest effort on the part of the brethren heretofore in supplying the destitution in our own midst, yet we are happy, and indeed very thankful to our Heavenly Master, that he has so far enabled us to bestow some contributions, and we are proud to inform you that our destitution is not so extensive as it has been heretofore, and that we have something to show for our efforts, as will be seen by the report of our Missionary, and in lifting our eyes to consider the regions beyond our borders we see the destitution there not so large, and feel grateful that the Lord has already put it into the hearts of our brethren to provide for this destitution, and we are happy to report that the work of missions in our State is assuming a new place and reaching forward to a position of far more importance than ever before; and while we have been made to see the great good that has and is now being done by the Baptist State Convention, and State Mission Board in the work of missions, we would ask and recomment a *heartly* co-operation with the same.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DALE, Chairman.

After a short discussion on the report of Home Missions, there was a collection taken up for the same, amounting to \$14 30, and the reported adopted.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions respectfully submit the following report:

The subject of Foreign Missions, on account of its great importance, does indeed claim a very large share of the attention of our churches, and it is one that should awaken in every lover of Jesus a heartfelt sympathy, and an earnest desire to do all he can to aid in sending the bread of life to the perishing of other nations that lie in darkness and in the region and shadow of death. But while the cry of our devoted missionaries, "come over and help," is being wafted across the Pacific, and while our returned missionaries are begging the Baptists of this land to send them back to China and to Africa, we are saddened to see so little done in this direction, by the churches, especially of our Association.

We would then, in view of these facts, recommend that each pastor in this Association keep the question of Foreign Missions constantly before his church or churches, by preaching occasionally on the subject, and persuading each member to have access to, and read the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., which may be obtained in single copies at fifty cents per year, or in clubs of four at twenty-five cents per copy.

We further recommend that every pastor take up a collection at least once a year for the support of Foreign Missions.

H. M. LONG, Chairman.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools respectfully submit the following report: We feel thoroughly impressed that the Sunday School is one of the most effective agencies that can be employed by our churches for bringing our children to a knowledge of the truth, and for instilling into their young and tender minds those heaven-born principles which under the

blessing of God will enable them to become not only more honored and useful members of society, but also more efficient disciples of Jesus when it shall please the Lord to convert them. If this be true, the subject of Sunday Schools certainly does not receive the attention in our Association that its importance demands.

We would therefore recommend the organization of a Sunday School by every church in this Association, and that each school be provided with the uniform lessons as taught in *Kinds Words*, published by Elder S. Boykin, Macon, Ga.

Respectfully submitted.

H. M. LONG, Chairman.

ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Your Committee on Mississippi College, would submit the following report: Next to the salvation of our children should be our desire for their intellectual culture. Every parent owes it to his child to afford him the very best opportunity possible to get an education, and the parent who refuses or neglects to do this, does a grievous wrong to that child, and a wrong which it will be hard to atone for.

We would therefore urge all our brethren who have children to strive by all means to give them the best education possible. Mississippi College specially recommends itself to the patronage of this Association. It is a Baptist College designed especially for the education of the boys of Baptist. It is a good school; we have none better in the State. It is a cheap school—board and tuition for one year is about one hundred and fifty dollars. Some boys by boarding themselves spend only half of the above amount. Surely education is cheap when it can be procured at such rates.

Therefore let us support the college. It needs our patronage, and we need what the college can do for us.

Respectfully submitted.

H. M. LONG, Chairman.

ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education, ask leave to report: Having considered the fact that this is a progressive age in which we live, more especially the present time, there

can be but few subjects of greater importance to us as Baptists, than that of Ministerial Education.

Our Heavenly Master having taught us that his people under Divine Providence are the light of the world, and his ministers under the power and influence of the holy spirit, are those unto whose hands the ministry of reconciliation has been committed, and has, at the same time, taught us that ministers should study to show themselves approved unto God faithful workmen, who needeth not to be ashamed. We believe that ministers who, in a measure, destitute of an education, have been and are still of great use in our denominations; but, dear brethren, that God's truth may be presented in a more captivating form and our people be more thoroughly instructed in many things that pertain to the Master's Kingdom, your committee deem it highly necessary that our rising ministry as far as possible receive a liberal training. We give as a reason for our opinion that we are in the midst of, and surrounded by elements that are advocated by men of learning, which will delude the mind, and ultimately result in the destruction of souls. It is necessary that our ministry be prepared for the emergency adverting our land from infidelity and other doctrines taught contrary to God's word; therefore, we advise this Association to aid and encourage any young minister who may be endeavoring to secure an education, whether at home or at college, that he may be better qualified to rightly divide the word of truth, and give unto each one his portion in due season; therefore be it

Resolved, That each church in this Association appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to raise funds for the support of young ministers at school, and also to provide suitable books for those who cannot attend school.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. MIKELL, Chairman.

ON PUBLICATIONS

Your Committee on Publications, would respectfully ask leave to report: That in our opinion, it is principally the the power of the press that the world is entitled for the great and grand strides that are now being made throughout our land, both socially, politically and religiously; and that a corrupt press, like a corrupt education, is a power for evil, and

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that as the world is being filled with a corrupt literature, it is not only our province, but our duty as christians, to use our utmost endeavors in trying to turn this evil power in the contrary direction, and thereby use it in the cause of our redeemer; and we think the best method for so doing is to encourage by giving our entire support to a pure literature; and we would therefore recommend to the Association one or more of the denominational papers now published, to-wit: The *Southern Baptist*, and more especially the *BAPTIST RECORD* and that we recommend the *Kind Words* as a Sunday School paper, which is printed in Macon, Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. ROSS, Chairman.

ON ABSTRACTS.

Antioch—Reports peace. R. J. Boone is their pastor.

Bethany—Reports a prosperous state—have two Sunday Schools, and have had twenty-three additions by baptism. Elder M. T. Martin is their pastor, assisted by Elder H. M. Long.

Bethel (Lawrence)—Reports peace; have had four baptisms. J. L. Chandler is their pastor.

Crook Creek—Reports peace; they have a pastor but have not had regular preaching.

Bethel (Covington)—Reports coldness; B. H. Martin is their pastor.

Cedar Grove—Reports peace and harmony, but have had no baptisms. Elder R. R. Turnage is their pastor.

Ebenezer—Reports a prosperous state; have had a revival and reports nine additions by baptism. Elder R. R. Turnage is their pastor.

Friendship—Reports peace, and five additions by baptism. Elder J. L. Chandler is their pastor.

Graves Creek—Reports a lukewarm state; no additions by baptism. Elder J. E. Pounds is their pastor.

Hepzibah—Reports a decrease in number. Elder S. W. Dale is their pastor.

Holly Springs—Reports lukewarmness; two additions by baptism. Elder R. R. Turnage is their pastor.

Little Bahala—Reports a prosperous state; have a flourishing Sunday School, and have enjoyed a precious revival, and have had eleven additions by baptism. Elder R. D. Middleton is their supply, assisted by G. W. Farmer.

Magee's Creek—Reports prosperity and twenty-five additions by baptism. Elder J. L. Chandler is their pastor.

New Hope—Reports peace and four additions by baptism. Elder R. R. Turnage is their pastor.

Providence—Reports peace and five baptisms. Elder J. L. Chandler is her pastor.

Silver Creek—Reports a general revival among the members and have been made to rejoice over the conversion of precious souls, and have had thirty-two additions by baptism. Elder H. M. Long is her pastor.

Society Hill—Reports peace and four additions by baptism. Elder J. E. Pounds is her pastor.

State Line—Reports a prosperous condition and six additions by baptism. Elder W. J. Fortenberry is her pastor.

White Sand—Reports peace, and one baptism. Elder H. M. Long is her pastor.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. M. WALLER, Chairman.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Executive Committee would respectfully submit the following report: We have held five meetings during the past Associational year at which times the subject of Missions was discussed. And after ascertaining at our April meeting that Bro. L. Scofield refused to work under the supervision of the State Board as recommended by your body at its last session, we then went to work to find a suitable man for said work, and learning that Elder T. D. Bush would accept the appointment in the destitution designed by your body to cultivate and feeling that he was the man for said work; therefore, we recommended him to the State Mission Board for appointment. We have gathered from Bro. Bush's report the following for two months work, that is July and August: Miles traveled, 336; sermons preached, 48; religious visits, 26; baptized, 6; received by letter, 4; constituted two new churches; delivered one Sunday school address; organized one

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sunday school with three teachers and fifteen pupils. Another church is ready to be constituted. / The field occupied by Bro. Bush is a very large and a very destitute field. We have turned over all the funds on hand to the Secretary of the State Mission Board as recommended by your body, in the hands of our Treasurer, amounting to \$106.15 (one hundred and six dollars and fifteen cents;) we therefore recommend that this Association keep up a hearty co-operation with the State Mission Board, and we urge all of the churches to take up collections, and send the amounts to the Treasurer of your future Board for the support of a missionary in this field.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. ARMSTRONG, Secretary of Board.

ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Committee on arranging an Order of Business, have had the same under-consideration, and would recommend the following order:

1. Appoint Reading Clerks.
2. Elect Officers.
3. Invite visiting ministers to seats with us.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Receive Correspondence.
6. Arrange Correspondence.
7. Appoint Committees.
8. Receive Reports.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Approve Minutes.
11. Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted.
H. M. LONG, Chairman.

ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report: That they have carefully examined the Treasurer accounts, and found them correct, and fully sustained by vouchers, whereupon the Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Corresponding letters were read and adopted.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Association be author-

ized to turn over all funds now in his hands belonging to the Home Mission fund to the Secretary of the State Mission Board.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Association be authorized to turn over all funds belonging to the Foreign Mission fund to Bro. H. A. Tupper, the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Resolved, That each church in her annual letter to the Association, be requested to send a short obituary of the deceased members during each associational year.

Resolved, That we endorse the Lea Female College at Summit, Mississippi, as a Baptist Institution, and recommend it to the patronage of this Association, and that we invite Bro. C. H. Otkin to cultivate this field in behalf of the college.

Resolved, That the circular letter from Bro. C. H. Otkin be printed in these minutes.

Resolved, That the Clerk superintend the printing, and distribution of the minutes of this Association, and that he be allowed twenty dollars for his services, and that he be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for monies to defray the necessary expenses.

Resolved, That we continue the former Executive Board, and that Elder H. M. Long and Bro. W. Clark be added to said Board.

On motion took the vote relative to the place of holding the next meeting of the Association, which resulted in favor of Silver Creek Church, Lawrence County, Miss., six miles east of Monticello.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and they are hereby tendered, to the members of Providence Church and to the friends of this community, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association.

On motion adjourned to meet with the Church at Silver Creek on Saturday before the Second Sabbath in September, A. D., 1880.

A hymn was sung while the parting hand was extended. Elder T. J. Walne led in the closing prayer, and the congregation was dismissed.

W. J. ARMSTRONG, Clerk. R. R. TURNAGE, Moderator.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. A. BASS, TREASURER,

In Acc't with Pearl River Baptist Association.

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To balance on hand for 1878.....	\$99 75
amount received from churches 1879.....	70 00
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	\$169 75

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By amount paid J. L. Chandler	\$7 00
" " " R. R. Turnage	15 00
" " J. E. Pounds,	7 00
" " G. W. Farmer,	2 00
" " W. J. Armstrong, Clerk,	50 00
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	\$81 00
Total on hand Associational Fund,	<hr/>
	\$88 75

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MISSION FUND.

To amount on hand for 1878	\$93 55
" received from churches, 1879.....	40 65
" collected on Sabbath	20 50
" collected on Monday.....	14 30
" received 1879, Foreign Missions,	7 60
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	\$176 50

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By amount paid State Board,	106 15
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Total on hand mission fund,	\$70 45

Lea Female College.

To the Pearl River Baptist Association, convening with Providence Church, Pike County, Miss.:

DEAR BRETHREN:—With the view of enlisting your interest in behalf of Lea Female College, I desire to lay before you such facts as you would wish to know. The College was commenced in the Fall of 1877. Soon after, a charter was obtained. It provides the right to confer degrees and grant diplomas. It further provides that all the members of the Board of Trustees shall be Baptists. The following brethren form the Board: Elder B. A. Crawford, W. Z. Lea, W. T. White, Elder J. R. Farish, Elder W. W. Bolls, Z. T. Everett, Thos. T. Cotton, D. C. Walker, DeWitt C. Lea, W. T. Johns, John G. Leggett, Elder W. E. Tynes, Dr. J. R. Sample, Jno. E. Holmes, and Hampton M. Lea. The Board controls the property and elects the President of the College. The College is located in the town of Summit, on the Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans Railroad, 108 miles from New Orleans, and 75 miles from Jackson, Miss. Its grounds cover two squares, about eight acres of land. It has one large two-story building, planned for a female seminary. Another building is needed and will be commenced at an early day. The property will be sustained and promoted by Baptist liberality and the friends of the institution.

This is the only chartered Baptist Female College in South Mississippi and Eastern Louisiana, east of the Mississippi river. In these two sections, Baptists number ten thousand communicants. There are three chartered Colleges, possibly more, under the management and control of other denominations. Our numerical strength in these two sections, the city of New Orleans omitted, is as large as all the other

denominations in this geographical area. Yet, to this hour we have been lagging behind in the facilities for intellectual elevation. Are our people less influential or less wealthy than others fewer in number? Are we less appreciative of educational advantages, and their power in the community at large? Are we less liberal? The facts stand out in bold relief. We have slumbered while others were at work. Negligence and indifference have buried the talent—not the least important of those committed to our trust. Shall we not wake up and take hold in earnest of this gracious work which quickens the life and sustains the growth of a progressive people. In importance, our educational work is second only to the gospel of the Son of God.

Your encouragement in this work, and the patronage of your people to the College is invoked. It would afford me pleasure to visit your field in the interests of the school.

May the blessings of God attend all your labors and your deliberations, and may you devise liberal plans to promote Christ's kingdom in our common field.

Yours fraternally,

CHAS. H. OTKEN,

President of College.

Summit, Miss., Sept. 6th, 1879.

Statistics of the Churches, 1879.

CHURCHES	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
Antioch	Marion	W. W. Pope, J. J. Turnage, H. Fortenberry, H. M. Long, J. A. Bass, G. W. Mikell.....
Bethany	Lawrence	W. M. Robertson, N. C. Hathorn, Wm. Waller.....
Beteel	Covington	B. H. Martin, W. B. Broom.....
Bethel	Lawrence	Z. P. Jones, S. W. C. Maxwell, J. J. Thornhill.....
Crooked Creek	Lawrence	A. Sharp, C. R. Dale, S. C. Dale.....
Cedar Grove	Marion	I. M. Fortenberry, J. W. Cox, J. I. Fortenberry.....
Graves' Creek	Marion	Nathan Lott, J. L. Watts.....
Hepzibah	Lawrence	W. W. Daniels, B. S. Watts.....
Holly Springs	Marion	Calvin Pitman, Jno. Cooper, P. D. Mullens.....
Ebenezer	Covington	S. E. Bass, W. Clark, M. Halcomb.....
Little Bahala	Lawrence	G. W. Farmer, J. W. Ross, T. J. Farmer, F. S. Bass.....
New Hope	Pike	R. R. Turnage, J. M. Turnage, E. J. Pitman.....
Providence	Pike	Josiah Wallace, F. M. Redman, J. Boyd.....
Silver Creek	Lawrence	J. D. Burkett, I. E. Fortenberry, W. J. Armstrong.....
Society Hill	Lawrence	H. Hathorn, J. W. Thompson.....
Magee's Creek	Pike	J. L. Chandler, D. I. Magee, E. L. Reeves.....
State Line	Marion	J. E. Pounds, Jno. Pigot, J. M. Tynes.....
White Sand	Lawrence	M. P. Griffith, J. I. Williams.....
Friendship	Pike	C. P. Cole, D. W. Cole, J. J. Reeves.....

Statistics of the Churches, 1879.

Post Office.	Baptized.	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	TOTAL.	Cop. Minutes.	Contributions.	Cont. for Home Missions.	For. Missions.	Time of Meet'g.	Ord. Ministers.	Licentiates.
Columbia.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	42	20	\$2 00	2 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Silver Creek.....	23	5	5	16	4	254	80	12 00	14 25	14 00	3d	1
Wilksburg.....	3	1	24	15	1 50	2d	1	1
Monticello.....	4	2	2	1	48	30	3 00
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Oak Vale.....	1	2	2	42	15	2 00	3
China Grove.....	2	3	1	41	15	2 00
Wilksburg.....	9	10	1	3	4	83	30	4 00	2 20
Beauregard.....	11	4	2	3	2	.....	150	40	6 00	9 35	.....	.....	1	.....
China Grove.....	4	1	1	8	.....	.....	77	25	4 00	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Summit.....	5	4	.....	2	1	.....	100	30	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monticello.....	32	8	2	1	1	1	94	40	5 00	10 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Oak Vale.....	4	5	4	2	152	40	4 00	4
China Grove.....	25	1	1	5	2	117	30	3 40	1
Columbia.....	6	6	2	1	122	25	3 00
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